

Edwards: Region 12 Education Service Center Receive \$937,000 Department of Education Grant to Expand American History Education in Central Texas

(WASHINGTON, DC) - U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today announced Region 12 Education Service Center has been selected to receive a grant of \$937,386 from the U.S. Department of Education under the Teaching American History Grant Program. The funds will allow 5th, 8th, and 11th grade history teachers in McLennan, Bosque, Limestone, and Hill County schools the opportunity to take part in intensive professional development studies to advance their understanding and teaching of American history.

"This worthwhile program will help teachers expand their understanding of American history, which will translate into higher academic achievement for their students," Edwards said. "This program is a win-win. Anytime the federal government can aid local school districts in preparing students to succeed, it is a wise investment in the future."

Region 12 Education Service Center, in partnership with the American Institute for History Education, McNeese State University, National Council for the Social Studies, and Delaware State University will participate in a program designed to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge and understanding of and appreciation for traditional U.S. history. By helping teachers to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of U.S. history as a separate subject matter within the core curriculum, these programs will improve instruction and raise student achievement.

